

# Rush Creek Neighborhood Meeting

## November 17, 2011

### Citizen Comments

I like the idea of the park elements more spread out and parking areas consistent with the actual needs of the neighborhood. People always park along Woodland Park. Worried that 25 is too few parking spaces. Please consider our city's Scout Troops they all need service hours and Eagle projects.
As a former K & 1st grade teacher, we used the park at least once a month as a reward or field trip. We need a restroom or "Johnny-on-the-spot." Please consider how many more people will be using the park now... it has been a huge problem in the past!!
I'm concerned about preserving the quiet unsophisticated feeling that permeates both Kelley Park and Clarence Foster Park. I DO NOT, if possible, want anything too sophisticated or chic.
*More versus less wild area a/o Concept B *Parking out of main road a/o Concept A *Maintain and add dog poop bag/Trash stations*Add potable water in park*Put a picnic area inside Kelley Park.
Agree that 10' paths we required to increase safety in bicycles passing pedestrians; parcel north of woodland park dr. suggest 2-3 picnic tables
All paths need to be lighted- If not you are creating a high crime area- especially the type of people in the apartments. You will also have the homeless there also- not good.
Lighting along the walkways.
Need the parking at both proposed locations. When kids have practices- will fill up parking. Option B- too far- will park along Woodside on street like they do now.
1. Concern of lighting- too dark 2. Concern of bobcat visiting my yard. 3. <u>No</u> parking on Creekside please- or put where <u>not houses</u> <u>OR</u> <u>no</u> parking at all. We have been fine without parking so people will not gather.
* Lights are needed in south area @ Southcrest and Valleycrest -Restrooms/water fountains like Veterans Park. *Study traffic flow from Arkansas on Southcrest Dr. to Valleycrest. *Traffic light @ Southcrest Dr. & Arkansas if you take out existing streets
Incorporate dedicated bicycle trails. Incorporate community vegetable garden areas.
The parking lot in Plan B is a horrible idea. The traffic on Woodland Park around the curve is bad/fast & the entrance would cause danger. Can the parking lot be moved further down on woodland park
Many Hiking and biking trails
Lights- Prefer lamp posts currently in Foster Park. Wall or fence to separate park area from neighborhood
Community garden
Very excited for the dog park. People seem to be upset the streets are going to be removed. Would like to see a concrete path put by the tennis courts on Southpark leading to the trail by Rush Creek, otherwise neighbors have to cut through the grass to get to the trail from Soutpark Dr.
I request that the entire Kelley Park as was done for year past be mowed on a regular basis. (Prevent possibility of fire). The storm drains behind the houses are not being maintained for proper drainage.
The people on Southpark would like to ask for a brick wall or wrought iron fence along the linear park next to Southpark. We have had a lot of unwanted activity in our neighborhood since the houses have been demolished. We would like a fence to delineate the neighborhood from the linear park.
Thanks for hosting this.
Make a plan showing the streets staying. Why spend money to remove streets if you don't have to? Plan a park around the streets. Put in some speed bumps and leave it.
Please show a plan that keep the streets! I'm very concerned about traffic congestion and flow near Valleycrest and Southcrest. Additionally please address how privacy would be maintained near proposed new trails.

Keep streets so it will not be necessary to spend money to build parking spots, preserve green areas. I like wildlife, build as least as possible, please.
Please leave the streets! If they are removed it will give us basically one way out of the neighborhood. I would have to go out onto Arkansas from Southcrest. 90 - 95% of time I go out thru my neighborhood to Park Springs if I need to use Arkansas to the east and what a waste of my time and gasoline if I needed to go around the whole school area to get to Park Springs. Also, concerned about emergency vehicles to get in and out of our neighborhood in a timely manner.
Do not dead-end Creekside Drive. Leave through to Woodside park as is! There is enough traffic at my corner! Have been here 33 years!
Do not remove our streets please. That will only give us one exit for our neighborhood. Traffic would be horrible and in icy weather we would not be able to get up the hill on Arkansas.
Save our streets and add street lights for now. Temporary or permanent. Streets are a major safety issue for public & residence.
I am very concerned about closing any of the streets in Proposal A and B. This would create major safety and traffic problems especially during the 9 months Dunn Elementary is in session. A traffic study should be conducted to determine the impact of closing any or all of the streets which I highly recommend and formally request the study. If a study is not approved I would like to know the process to protest this decision and who to contact that it be done. P.S. You can close the cul-de-sac it would not be a part of the problems that Valleycrest, Creekside would be the problem.
Please don't close Valleycrest and Southcrest around the park. It will trap us being able to get out on icy days because of the hills on Trowbridge, Valleycrest and Arkansas. Also will back up traffic on Southcrest to Arkansas for school traffic!
I do not like the idea of removing the streets specifically Creekside. I believe it will cause more security issue not allowing police easy access. I also have issues with so much of the area being classified as unmaintained.
Do not remove streets. People can't get out of area in bad weather. School traffic will be worse. It will make us have to use Arkansas turning east onto Arkansas from Southcrest is dangerous without a light. Inconvenient access to get to Park Springs without streets. Intersection of Southcrest & Arkansas very dangerous!!
Leave Valleycrest Dr. and Creekside open all the way to Woodland Park. I've been traveling this way for 33years and am sick at heart by the mess that has been made of our neighborhood. Clean creek north of bridges on Woodland Park- debris, sand bars, etc. 2013 is totally unacceptable. You have known about problem for years fix it. I would say this is a big priority. I paid for my home now I will be paying for 52 beautiful destroyed homes due to the negligence of our public employees.
Don't remove Valleycrest. Don't want hiking trail in my backyard. Why did house next to me get bought even though it didn't flood. We lost \$7500 in flood damage, this is a major issue on value.
Please leave streets in. Our area will be hard pressed to get out, especially in bad weather. Southcrest & Arkansas is a very dangerous intersection without a traffic light. Lack of mowing and putting all the debris along the edge of the park is most unsightly and what you like apparently. A harbor for wildlife. This is a great nuisance for those near the park damaging to lawns and houses. Also consider school traffic.
Closing Valleycrest from Southcrest to Creekside will make daily traffic worse in my area and wear out my transmission. It will totally block me from escape when roads are icy (hills and closed bridges). It will totally block emergency services when roads are icy.
Leave Creekside and Valleycrest intact. Jogging trails (cement 10' wide) take up as much or more absorbent area than streets. Clean all fallen trees, etc. Animals damage attics, etc. and get hit by vehicle traffic. No win for people or animals. Mow everything. You would make any homeowner keep area mowed and leaf free for drainage.
Concept B is my choice of the two but I feel a street (existing) would improve traffic flow and vehicle safety in the area.
Plan B. preferred. Removing streets seems to eliminate police/fire
We are for Plan "B" with the modification of leaving Valleycrest & Creekside Dr. streets in tact (DO NOT remove). OK to take out Creekside Court cul-de-sac, but leave rest of streets as is & do the rest of PLAN "B" as designed.

No to plan B parking- it is too close to my street & my house, parking lots bring in groups of loiters. No parking lots needed- & if you must provide parking please do it in areas with no houses- This is a major concern. Please don't remove streets, this will cause undo traffic in our neighborhood.
Plan A. Keep cul-de-sacs- remove streets or divisions don't make sense. I like the picnic area by the parking lot for ability to move items by car.
<u>DO NOT</u> take out Creekside/etc roads on the south part of Clarence Foster Park. It will <u>double</u> the traffic on Woodland Park, cut off access to Kelley Park, wipe out parking near Kelly Park, make folks to the south have to contend with more travel & school traffic from Dunn, plus icing may preclude access to house. We need a committee formed <u>from the neighborhood</u> to report to city council. Police access to the park is an <u>easy loop</u> around Clarence Foster Park. Take out the roads means <u>limited</u> access for police.
1. Thanks for your attn to these problems 2. prefer plan A 3. One modification- remove creekside, but KEEP Valleycrest link to creekside- put parking at this junction. This gives us a safe way out of the neighborhood without cutting the park in half. There is no way out from Southcrest in bad weather that is not uphill, but Southcrest to Creekside, then go west to Woodside- is all level.
I do not like the parking/picnic in Plan B. I like the parking/picnic area in Plan A. Remove streets as proposed.
If the street is left it will be too dangerous. Kids are already skateboarding down Valley Crest. If traffic continues down a street like that it is getting too unsafe. Take out street.
What is the difference between hydrologic and hydraulic engineering? What is the address/location of the last residence to be demolished? Why the ensuing delay on the last Woodland Park residence demolitions? Will the walking trails be illuminated like the present path in Foster Park? Elimination of streets and cul-de-sac within the park boundaries is a beneficial approach that will provide an additional layer of pedestrian child safety! How about a "Par 3" golf course in this neighborhood? Have you checked the debris pile at the Pioneer Parkway bridge north end of Rush Creek Linear Park?
Take the streets out. It will look like abandoned property and not a park if streets are left not safe either. We don't need a street running through a park. Make parking area on Woodland Park.
Close the streets, but neither concept. The cul-de-sac in front of my house goes past my circular drive- extend that cul-de-sac.
Take out the streets. Love the proposed dog park. Prefer Plan A, but with the exercise stations modular as in Plan B.
Remove the streets to provide more safety for people using the new park layout i.e. a street should not divide the park. Propose a new traffic light at Southcrest and Arkansas
Prefer to remove Valleycrest north of Southcrest including cul-de-sac around to Woodland Park Blvd. To eliminate unauthorized parking @ night etc. when drug traffic etc. could be a problem and liability to City if someone was hit crossing this vacant street such as children playing ball in street.
Streets most definitely need to be removed. Traffic light needed at Arkansas and Southcrest. I vote for Plan B. Excellent job on project so far! No restrooms.
Streets must go- high speed traffic has increased already since the homes were removed -very unsafe in a "park" environment!! Need traffic light at Arkansas and Southcrest to handle traffic. Plan B. Great job so far!!
I understand the "passive" recreation concept, but I would like to see basketball, tennis or hardcourt area, a pond and a very basic restroom given a park this size. Either plan is fine. Removing the streets is a must.
Plan 2 leave parking lot on north end seems best but utilize current street coming in on Creekside rather than entrance off Woodland Park Blvd. Need additional baseball backstop for small kids, additional open field area for soccer and other field activities.
1. Can we have asphalt vs. concrete. Concrete is horrible on your joints. 2. I think the streets should come out. It will look abandoned and hurt property values through perception. 3. Are all of these "natural" areas just going to contribute to our horrible mosquito problem?
Use Plan "B"
Prefer plan B 2 except for the location of parking. We believe it should be closer to the main thoroughfare intersection to lower traffic in and through the neighborhood.

B is much better. Picnic tables near parking is excellent. Exercise areas are much better spread out in 3 areas. I hope the little creek in Woodland Park is cleared of debris. It is not really Rush Creek but it is clogged. There's some poison ivy there also.
Plan B/ I want the parking lot north as close to pioneer as possible maybe where the condos are now.
Bathroom by pavilion; extra lighting? Decreasing outflow of traffic plans for 4 way stop? Arkansas/ Southcrest? Okay with removing Creekside & W. Park Ct- unsure about Valleycrest removal, I like Plan A & B parking. Mosquito control? Plan?
I love both plans. I think it is completely appropriate to remove the streets to make the park a safe place.
Happy with A or B proposal. Want streets out!
Plan B, parking location is away from more homes, and has more wildflowers. I like the dog park location
1. What is time frame to build? 2. What is mineral rights left? 3. What is budget for construction? 3. Why no restroom? 4. Potential bridge to connect up north side E-W layout. 6. like Plan B
I support Plan B. I fully believe the streets must be removed as proposed to create a safe environment for passive use.
Concept 'B' Location with parking & picnic.
Prefer Plan A
I like elements of both plans and something that neither plan has. I do not like the parking in plan B. Security & lighting/Illumination is a concern... too dark!! I would like to see no parking lot added but take Valley Crest to Woodland Park Ct. out but leave Creekside & Valleycrest open for parking.
Favor Plan B. Plan B has better location for picnic shelter and much better location and structure for parking area. Entire area needs more picnic tables and associated items. Need more water fountains than just the one by the existing play area. Include soccer practice/play area. Widen creek in some place to form a pond. Incorporate marked bicycle lane on paved walkways, or separate bicycle trails (Read Dallas incident).
Plan B needs more parking spaces.